

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2003

Reference No.: 2.2c.(2)  
Action Item

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Ref: **APPROVAL OF PROJECT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING, 07-LA-138, KP 69.8/72.7 (PM 43.4/45.2), RESOLUTION NUMBER E-03-17**

## **ISSUE:**

The attached resolution proposes to approve for future consideration of funding the following project for which a Negative Declaration has been completed:

- Acquire right-of-way for corridor preservation in the City of Palmdale.

This project is fully funded in the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The total amount programmed in the STIP is \$34,909,000. It includes grandfathered Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds (\$20,514,000), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds (\$4,000,000), and TEA21 Demonstration funds (\$10,395,000). Acquisition is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2004.

The Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study have been transmitted to California Transportation Commission staff.

The Department of Transportation has approved the project for construction. This approval and the resulting filing of the Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research will satisfy the environmental requirements for this stage of the project planning process.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, approve the attached Resolution E-03-17.

Attachment(s)

## **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

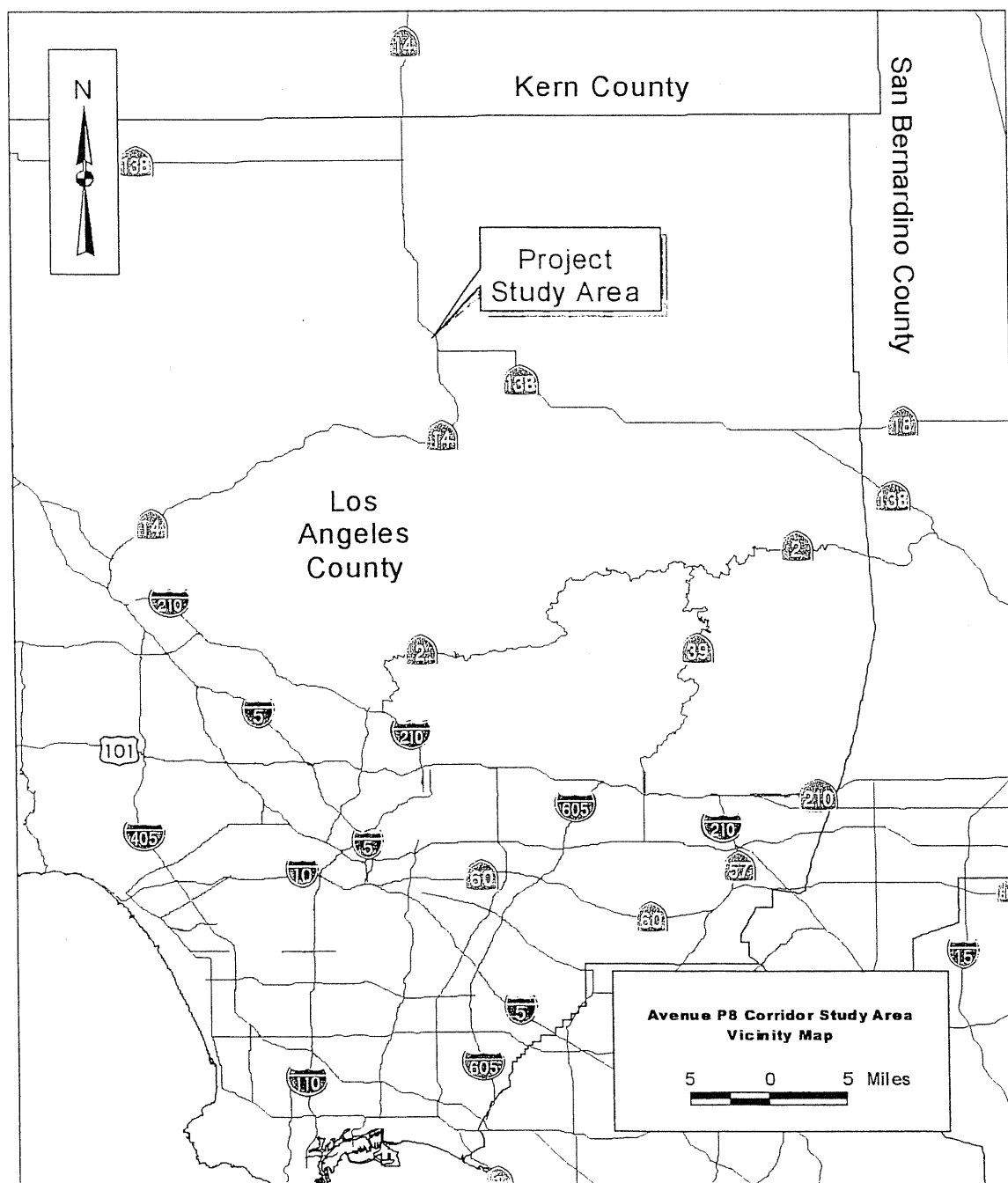
### **Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding 07-LA-138, KP 69.8/72.7 (PM 43.4/45.2)**

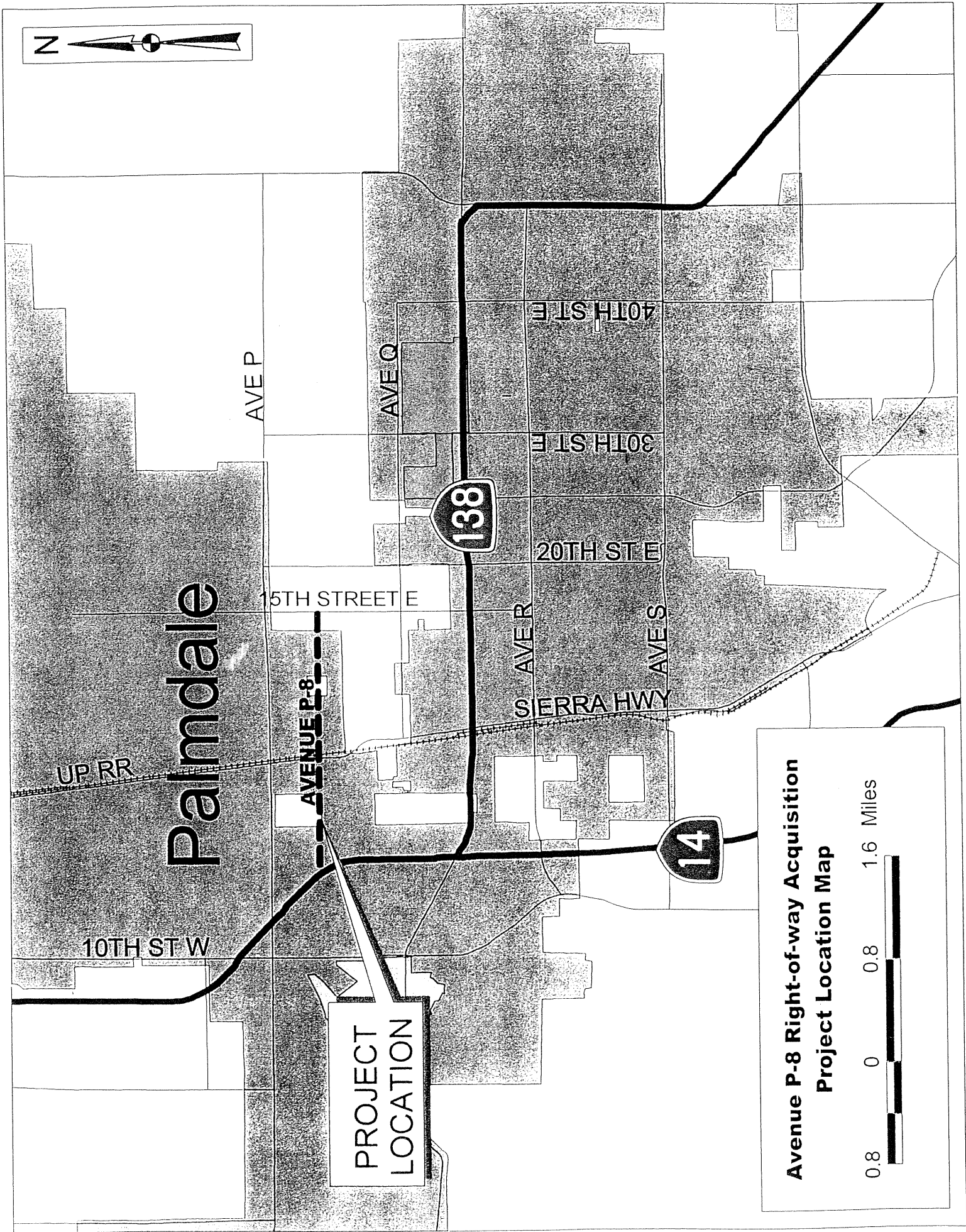
#### **Resolution E-03-17**

- 1.1 WHEREAS**, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has completed a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the CEQA Guidelines for the following project:

  - Route 138 in Los Angeles County – Acquire right-of-way for corridor preservation in the City of Palmdale.
- 1.2 WHEREAS**, the Department has certified that the Negative Declaration has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines for its implementation; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS**, the California Transportation Commission, as a responsible agency, has considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS**, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Transportation Commission does hereby approve the above referenced project to allow for future consideration of funding.

**Figure 2.1: Project Vicinity Map**





**Avenue P-8 Right-of-way Acquisition  
Project Location Map**

0.8 0 0.8 1.6 Miles

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( PM 43.4 / 45.2 )

EA 116720

Right of Way Acquisition  
From Vicinity of State Route 14 Overcrossing of Avenue P8  
Eastward Along Avenue P-8 Corridor to  
15<sup>th</sup> Street East Intersection

## INITIAL STUDY / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Submitted Pursuant to:  
(State) Division 13, Public Resources Code  
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C)

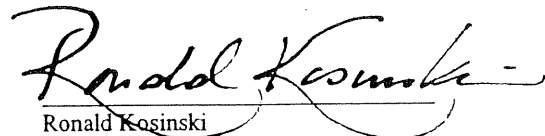
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Federal Highway Administration

and

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Department of Transportation

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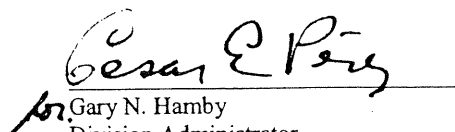
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## Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

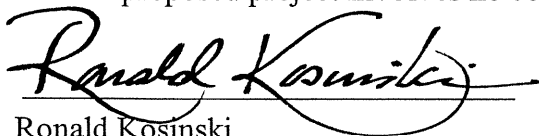
### ***Project Description***

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to acquire right-of-way between State Route 14 (SR-14) and the Avenue P-8 Undercrossing (Structure No. 53-2178), extending eastward along the Avenue P-8 corridor to the intersection of Avenue P-8 and 15<sup>th</sup> Street East. Additionally, right-of-way would be acquired along Sierra Highway and 8<sup>th</sup> Street East in conjunction with the anticipated interchange between the future state highway and realigned Sierra Highway, and along SR-14 for completing design requirements for the future interchange with the new highway and the nearby new on-ramp.

### ***Determination***

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study, and determines from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

- The proposed project will require the acquisition of a limited number of commercial and one residential properties, but adequate compensation will be provided for those acquisitions and relocation assistance will be provided for those residents and businesses displaced.
- The proposed project will have no significant impacts on noise, air quality or water quality.
- The proposed project will have no adverse effects on unique or significant natural features, including, but not limited to, plant life, animal life, or animal habitat or movement.
- The proposed project will have no adverse effect on archaeological, cultural or historic, parkland, recreational, or scenic areas.
- The proposed project does not change the topography or ground surface relief features.
- The proposed project does not destroy, cover, or modify any unique geologic or physical features.
- The proposed project does not result in or be affected by soil erosion or siltation.
- The proposed project involves no construction activities.

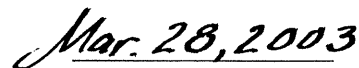


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